PRESIDENT.

As regards the Municipal Corporation, there is no dissolution. There is also no prorogation like that of our Council

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Even then they insist upon the answers being numbered and dated, and the questions are also dated.

PRESIDENT.

Was the question raised in Travancore and considered? Are you sure that in Madras the questions and answers are supplied half an hour before the meeting begins? Dr. A. G. Menon says that they are supplied only half an hour previously. Was the question mooted in the Madras Legislative Council?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

There in Madras everybody can take part in the putting of supplementary questions.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ.

From the Madras Council rules it is found that questions and answers are placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

I have brought an amendment to the Standing Order to that effect. I had sent an amendment to this to incorporate this also. It is not seen here.

PRESIDENT.

The Council Secretary will look into that. If you are going to move the amendment, I do not decide the question now.

Mr. S. S. KODER.

Will the President allow the amendment, if it is brought in?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

If the President favours the amendment, we need not discuss it now.

PRESIDENT.

There is one point. There may not be any necessity for an amendment. I will consider the question. I do not want to commit myself. In the present state of things, we will follow the rule as it is.

## Lottery Kuri.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

**170.** (a) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the 'Lottery Kuri' (i. e., Kuries conducted by some wherein persons getting their names drawn are exonerated from all

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liability of future payment) conducted in the Trichur bazaar, Vivekodayam School and several other places in the State?

(b) Are the Government aware that the Madras High Court and the Cochin Chief Court have pronounced that they are lotteries, and suits in connection with them are not maintainable?

(c) Have the Government, in accordance with their policy, taken any action to arrest the stoppage of such lotteries which are pronounced to be illegal?

(d) If the answer is to be in the negative, will they be pleased to investigate into the matter by Police officers at least hereafter, and see such Kuries are stopped forthwith, making it incumbent on the starters to repay the dues of the members?

**Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.**

(a) Yes.

(b) According to a recent decision of the Madras High Court, lotteries, wherein every subscriber is entitled to get from the promoters of the fund the whole of the capital subscribed by him before or after the closing of the funds, have been pronounced to be legal transactions. A case in the matter is also pending judgment in the Chief Court of Cochin, and before the decision in it is known, it will not be proper to take any action in this direction.

(c) and (d). No answer is necessary in view of that furnished to (b).

**Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.**

Question 170 (b) — "According to a recent decision of the Madras High Court"— may I know when it was decided—the approximate date?

**Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.**

I think it is in No. 40 Madras.

**Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.**

I saw a decision in the *Hindu* in the last Karkadagam, and then I put this question. I want to know whether it was previous to that or after that.

**Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.**

It is prior to Karkadagam last

**PRESIDENT.**

What did you see in Karkadagam?

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Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

I found that the suit was not sustainable, and so it was dismissed.

PRESIDENT.

Then the case referred to by the Government Advocate is sustainable.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

The matter is pending decision before the Full Bench. That is the reason why the Government referred to the Madras High Court decision.

PRESIDENT.

Has the decision referred to by Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar come to your notice?

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

It has not.

PRESIDENT.

Anyhow, we have to go by our decision, and that is the Chief Court decision. Sometimes the Chief Court takes the view of the Madras High Court.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

**171.** Is the Government aware that in several parts of the State a kind of lottery is conducted which have been classified in several decisions of High Courts as gambling? Is the Government aware that the poor join these lotteries not knowing their real nature? Will the Government kindly take steps to stop these lotteries at an early date?

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

The member is referred to the answer to question No. 170.

## Loss caused by the Kuries.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

**172.** (a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that Kuries conducted indiscriminately are causing serious less to the poor and middle classes?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to introduce a Kuri Regulation on the lines of the Travancore Chitty Regulation with such modifications as are needed?

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

(a) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 170.

(b) The question of legislation will be considered.

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